

Name Bette Marshall

Graduation year 1941

Today's date: July 5 - 1991 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

At Marquette College I had an M.S.S. grad Betty
McCommand for 5-6 years, after she left a V.I. grad
came, there was a vast difference - Hence M.S.S.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

None - From the age of 9, I wanted to be a Phys
Ed teacher, and M.S.S. was it. I just thought
of nothing else -

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The friendships I made, and I still have them.
The camping experiences we had in Sept. at Sau
and O.A.C. Camp - I have so many memories and
they are all great. I'm very, very fortunate!

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Wearing our short, red modern dance dresses
Rushing to Anatomy classes. That was a
long fast walk! Swimming in the winter time
and not taking time to dry my hair. The cold gym!
always rushing!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Steering the canoe, singly with a boy girl
when it was rough! The fires at night with
Woodly Jackson & Shirley Nayer reading to us.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

The smell in the rooms at U of T, where we had our anatomy classes.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

When Miss. Sorenson (Miss) used to go up & down flexing her ankles, and relaxing so much she could fall asleep at the drop of a hat when she wanted to have her "good girls".

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I believe parents paid for our education. We all were expected to go to camp - But the salary was ^{very} little.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

By card, phone calls, visits when we were all very close - when I was in B.C. I call friends, sometimes the same - they'd come visit me in Fla and I'd do the same in Toronto.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

I taught at St. Margaret's School Victoria, B.C. for $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. Went to camp one month each summer - taught at St. Hilda's (Nige), Hurlingham B.C. Argentina from '47-49. Bishop Strachan School Toronto for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years - then I married.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

There used to be a 10 day course between Christmas and school I went a few years - In 1946, summer school at Columbia University, before heading south in the winter.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 1920
B. Your country of birth: Canada
C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
D. Country of father's birth: Canada
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: deceased

Father's occupation: owned a Wholesale Produce Co.

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto

Province: Ontario Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Moulton College St. Henri's

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12

Was this a private or public school? yes

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1959

Married to: (name) Armand Leseau

Occupation of husband when married: owned a fuel oil Company.

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes please

I had Scarlet Fever the fall of my last year at 1785
I was able to keep up my theory etc classes
But was unable to do my practical work.
Also I had to take my Quaternary at U. of T. So I went to
M. & S. for the fall session
Here I was a Super Sr. with the '42 grads. I worked
from Jan. to May, then 2 months at camp.

Name Elise Smyth

Graduation year 1941

Today's date: _____ 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

I was fond of sports - swimming, skating, tennis,
dancing etc., so my parents decided to send me there
as a choice for a career.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

I hadn't made any plans.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Friends, respect.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Studying anatomy!

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

I enjoyed the swimming & figure skating
classes particularly.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

I just can't think what to say about this.
Can't recall any bad memories -

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

I believe they were all excellent teachers -
There was a lovely lady in the office - Miss Layton -
who was always very sweet & pleasant to me - &
all of us, no doubt.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I imagine their parents paid for them, as
mine did.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

I have two friends I keep in touch with regularly -
One visits me occasionally or we visit her. I went
to a Reunion in 1989 in Ontario -

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

I worked with Brownies & Cubs. Played the piano
in a Sunday School - I taught P.E. in
St. John's, Nfld. for one year - was married in middle
of the school year, & expecting my first child by
the end of the school year. That ended my PE career.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

Many years later, I decided to pursue my
studies in Piano & took my ARCT exam at
age of 40. - Had 5 children by then.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 21
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: England
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: At home
- Father's occupation: P. Engineer - Electrical
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: Sydney
- Province: Nova Scotia Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- Sydney Academy
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12
- Was this a private or public school? Public
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 43
- Married to: (name) Campbell Spratt
- Occupation of husband when married: Naval Officer
Electrical Engineer
- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Yes

Name Helen Staples

Graduation year 1941

Today's date: _____ 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

I read a calendar about M.E.S. and visualizing
endless days of sports activities decided it
was the place for me.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

none - my father had said I couldn't
go - so consequently ~~that~~ I was determined
to go.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

- living in residence - the excitement of a big
city (I was born & raised in the small community of
Creston) - and the good friends I made.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

After 50 yrs - any bad memories are ^{easy} forgotten,
- altho I did object to having to wear a hat out
at all times.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

I enjoyed every new learning experience -
- perhaps my favorite was the
Anatomy Class.

VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

- stiffness - after using a different set of muscles in a new activity

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Florence Samers was a delight - a great lady.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I have no idea - my parents paid for mine

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Christmas cards - phone calls - visits.

Reunions - Camp Oconto. Sept 81. White Rock. 86.

Spindrift Farm 89 - and White Sand Beach this Sept.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

taught Physical Education

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

Vancouver Normal School.

So I could teach in B.C.

XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 19
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: retired teacher
- Father's occupation: lumberman
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: small town Creston
- Province: B.C. Country: Can.
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- Creston High School
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13
- Was this a private or public school? public
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 44
- Married to: (name) Verkuk
- Occupation of husband when married: Teacher

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes



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